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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference US040117WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/IB2005/050404	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 31 January 2005 (31.01.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 05 February 2004 (05.02.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).																								
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
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4. Additional comments:

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The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application,
- ☒ claims Nos. 1-10

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	15,16,20
	No: Claims	11-14,17-19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	15,16,20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	11-20
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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Re Item III.

No examination will be carried out in respect of claims 1 to 10, because they have not been searched (see Art. 17(2)(a) or (3) PCT, Rule 66.1(e) PCT and the international search report).

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2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 11

The present application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT, because the subject-matter of the single independent apparatus claim 11 is not new for the following reasons.

- 2.1. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) an ultrasonic diagnostic imaging system (see abstract) for imaging both perfusion and flow in a body infused with a contrast agent comprising:
- an ultrasonic transducer array (see paragraph 29) operated to transmit a plurality of pulses in each of a plurality of different beam directions and to receive echoes in response to the pulses;
 - a beamformer (see figure 1 (1)) coupled to the transducer array;
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Therefore, D1 discloses the combination of features in claim 11, whose subject-matter is not new (Art. 33(2) PCT).

- 2.2. The applicant should note that also D2 deprives claim 11 from novelty (see the passages cited in the international search report).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 12-20

The dependent apparatus claims of the present application do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT), because their additional features (for claims 12-14 and 17-19) have already been disclosed in D1 (see the passages cited in the international search report) or relate (for claims 15, 16 and 20) to minor modifications which come within the scope of the customary practice followed by persons skilled in the art.

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